

Starr Piano Company collection S2013

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Starr Piano Company collection
Date	1872-1919
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Mixed materials [Folder]	S2013

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The Starr Piano Company began as the Trayser Piano Company in 1872, co-founded by James Starr. In 1878, Benjamin Starr joined his brother James and the company was reorganized as the Chase Piano Company. They bought land in Richmond, Indiana in 1884 and constructed the buildings, renaming the business Starr Piano Company in 1893. It became one of the largest employers in Richmond and constructed pianos until the 1950s. By the 1920s, recordings were also produced, and the Gennett Records Division became known for producing early jazz, blues and country artists, including Hoagy Carmichael.

The Indianapolis office was located at 13 W. Washington Street until October 1, 1901, after which it was located at 138-140 Pennsylvania Street, through 1919.

"Starr Piano Company". Indianapolis Star, 1901-1919. Retrieved 2014/08/18. <http://access.newspaperarchive.com/tags>

"Starr Piano Company". Indianapolis Sun, 1901. Retrieved 2014/08/18. <http://access.newspaperarchive.com/tags>

"Starr Piano Company". Retrieved 2014/08/18. http://www.mrlinfo.org/history/business/starrpiano_bus.htm

"Starr Piano Company". Retrieved 2014/08/18. <http://www.waynet.org/nonprofit/gennett.htm>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a printed card from Starr Piano Company in Indianapolis, Indiana, regarding business advertising.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Gennett Record Company.
- Starr Piano Company (Richmond, Ind.).
- Trayser Piano Company.

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)
- Richmond (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Chase Piano Company
- Starr, James

Subject(s)

- Business cards
- Piano